

Indiana UNITE
Affiliate User Group Meeting
February 09, 2007
MSD Wayne Township

UNITE: Users' Network for Indiana Technology in Education

UNITE was originally founded as a users group for corporations using strictly Pearson student information systems (CIMS and SASI). Some existing members switched to non-Pearson systems but wanted to continue their affiliation with the UNITE group. The UNITE by-laws were amended to remove the requirement of having a Pearson product.

UNITE's goal is to provide a network for users to get support and information on issues that relate to all schools (regardless of their student information system). Typically these topics relate to state reporting, assessment, data warehousing, legal issues, effects of legislation, etc.

UNITE meetings are divided into two sessions - the morning session includes topics that would be of interest to all attendees. The afternoon break-out sessions are designed for users of a specific SIS and are divided into SASI and i-series users. As the group expands, UNITE can possibly offer break-out sessions for other systems. We currently have members that are using SASI, CIMS, Harmony, CrossPointe, and PowerSchool.

In Attendance 02/09/07:

Sandy Baitz	Hamilton Heights	Julie Landis	Whitley County
Bab Bass	Bassco	Polly Landis	Plainfield
Patti Bostwick	Zionsville	Sheila Lankford	New Castle Area Career Prgms.
Meredith Bovin	Carmel Clay Schools	David Layson	Mishawaka
Rhonda Brewer	Logic Key/Harmony	Kathy Lepper	NW Allen County
Karla Brown	Brownsburg	Jerry McColloum	MISi
Karla Carr	IDOE	Bonnie Nelson	Wayne Township
Jana Crites	Rockville	Doug Obenchain	West Lafayette
Adela Dickey	NW Allen County	Carol O'Donnell	Wayne Township
Sandy Ditmars	Franklin	David Parker	Tipton
Gail Emerick	Tippecanoe Schl Corp	Elaine Parker	Danville Schools
Jennifer Fossi	South Vermillion	Kim Pulliam	Plymouth
George Frampton	Center Grove Comm Schl	John Roth	MEG
Tammy Goodin	New Castle	Carol Snyder	Pike Township
Nancy Hunt	Southwest School Corp	Melissa Taft	Rush County
Brian Irwin	Southwest School Corp	Linda Turner	Avon Schools
Jan Janssen	New Castle	Thelma Webb	Hamilton Southeastern
Rene Jarboe	Nineveh Hensley Jackson		
Mary Jordan	Plainfield		
Shannon Kelly	Tri-County School Corp		
Judy Kochert	Tri-County School Corp		
Paul Kreitl	Wayne Township	Nancy Wilson	South Vermillion
Carolyn Kumpf	Clay Community Schools	Candy Williams	Johnson Co Schools Spcl Svc
		Brenda Wininger	Brownsburg

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President Nancy Hunt called the meeting to order. The meeting began with insights to creating a slate of officers by Carol O'Donnell. Paul Kreitl emphasized that the duties of president have diminished greatly as we have become a statewide organization rather than a national affiliate.

The site for next year's meetings is closer to being approved and should be announced at the May meeting.

The May meeting will be a luncheon with a Keynote speaker.

All officers and attendees introduced themselves and added thoughts on their visions for the future of Indiana UNITE as schools begin to look into changes in student information systems. The main themes for continuing meetings were continued cooperative contact with DOE, continued interactive discussions and collaboration

The minutes from the November 3, 2006 meeting were submitted and approved.

Treasurer Thelma Webb reported a balance of 11,046.46.

Tim Barrett, Senior Account Representative for Pearson Assessments was in attendance. Rhonda Brewer, Logic Key Representative with Harmony came and provided our lunch.

Michele Walker of IDOE, Division of School Assessments was introduced by Paul Kreitl to discuss the New Assessment Plan.

- Spring 2008 may be the earliest date to pilot the test.
- Students will probably be tested twice one school year: Fall 2008 and Spring 2009
- Still want to include diagnostic or formative assessments with the testing. Directed more toward teacher needs (end of unit components) rather than state accountability.
- Online File Exchange will open this spring with 14 School Corporations receiving summary and proficiency reports several days earlier than the paper reports.
- March 2007: two School Corporations will pilot the use of hand held scanners to check bar codes on test booklets.
- Fall 2006 used the record editing system (RES) through CTB McGraw. For cleaning up ISTEP files. This pushed the date for AYP data sooner.
- Spring 2007: "New" GQE only (first edition no longer exists)! 30% of the Math is Algebra and Law requires some computation on the test.

Karla Carr reported on STN/IDOE updates: (For fun by all the UNITE members in attendance, Karla was voted in as President of Indiana UNITE, thus guaranteeing her attendance at all meetings, we wish).

- SIF Update-seems to be back on track to be SIF compliant. Planning to do a STN transfer with Brownsburg schools if all goes well.
- Updating the application center: Should in future be able to delete whole file submission. Also, if someone hasn't logged into STN app center within the last 6 months, their account will be deleted.

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- More checks on the comparisons of past information. (Cleaning up the data). Info goes to the FEDS in July.
- Financial data is being broken down to the individual school level.
- RFP out in April
- Ethnicity codes: Waiting on the FEDS-11 codes right now.
- Collections:
 - Retest labels for March are the same as last Fall.
 - LASLinks: "05-06" data should be clean by February 15.
 - Attendance: no changes-yet possible change to delete earlier submissions
 - Dropout & Mobility: need exit dates, codes will be expanded to better place where the kids went and why.
 - Graduates: up to 12 codes for diplomas, foreign exchange students are marked on Dropout/Mobility not graduate report.
 - Homebound: ill or injured December 2 of 2006 through December 1 of 2007
 - AD=end of year report (additional data) This is already open.
 - AP Class= might be used to signify gifted and talented
 - Open collection/Language Minority: changes on the data layout to align with what is used in the schools.
 - Cohort: as of February 9, will come back to the application center and will be updated – real time. Trying to make a matrix to tell you where data is going and what it is being used for.

Teachers are going to need SPN numbers. State to assign.

2007-2008 Slate of Officers

President: Janna Crites

Vice President SASI: Sandy Baitz

Vice President iSeries: Carolyn Kumpf

Co-Secretaries: Polly Landis and Mary Jordan

Treasurer: Thelma Webb

Lunch was compliments of Harmony

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Kelly and Judy Kochert

Next Meeting: May 4, 2007 MSD Wayne Township